

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information processing system outputting output data to which copyright data have been attached, comprising:

5 a copyright management device comprising copyright management means for managing information on copyright of said output data; and

an information processing device comprising output process means for selectively utilizing the information
10 obtained from said copyright data or said copyright management device to execute output processing of said output data.

2. The information processing system according to
15 Claim 1, wherein said selection is made responding to a predetermined condition that has been set to said copyright data.

3. The information processing system according to
20 Claim 2, wherein said predetermined condition is time information.

4. The information processing system according to
Claim 3, wherein said time information is anyone of a
25 final updated date and an effective limit date of said copyright data.

5 5. The information processing system according to
Claim 1, wherein said selection is made that said
copyright data is selected in case that the information
is not able to be obtained from said copyright
management device.

10 6. The information processing system according to
Claim 1, wherein said information processing device
comprises output log preparation means for preparing
output logs based on compensation information being
included in said copyright data.

15 7. The information processing system according to
Claim 6, wherein said compensation information is
points that correspond to said output process, said
information processing device comprising currency
conversion means for converting said points into
currency units, said output log preparation means
converting said points into currency units by said
20 currency conversion means to prepare the output logs.

8. The information processing system according to
Claim 6, further comprising:

25 an output log management device for summing up and
analyzing the output logs prepared by said output log
preparation means.

9. An information processing device being capable of communicating with a copyright management device for managing information on copyright of output data, comprising:

5 selection means for selecting anyone of either copyright data attached to said output data or information obtained from said copyright management device; and

10 output process means for executing output processing of said output data utilizing the information selected by said selection means.

15 10. The information processing device according to Claim 9, wherein the selection by said selection means is made responding to a predetermined condition that has been set to said copyright data.

20 11. The information processing device according to Claim 10, wherein said predetermined condition is time information.

25 12. The information processing device according to Claim 11, wherein said time information is anyone of a final updated date and an effective limit date.

 13. The information processing device according to Claim 9, wherein said selection means select said

copyright data in case that the information is not able to be obtained from said copyright management device.

14. The information processing device according to Claim 10, further comprising:

output log preparation means for preparing output logs based on compensation information being included in said copyright data.

15. The information processing device according to Claim 14, wherein said compensation information is points that correspond to said output process, further comprising:

currency conversion means for converting said points into currency units, wherein said output log preparation means convert said points into currency units by said currency conversion means to prepare the output logs.

16. The information processing device according to Claim 14, further comprising:

output log management means for summing up and analyzing the output logs prepared by said output log preparation means.

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17. A control method for controlling an information processing device being capable of

communicating with a copyright management device that manages information on copyright of said output data, comprising:

5 a selection step for selecting anyone of either copyright data attached to said output data or information obtained from said copyright management device; and

10 an output processing step for executing output processing of said output data utilizing the information selected by said selection step.

18. Memory media having stored programs for controlling an information processing device being capable of communicating with a copyright management
15 device that manages information on copyright of output data, comprising:

20 a selection procedure for selecting anyone of either copyright data attached to said output data or information obtained from said copyright management device; and

programs comprising an output processing procedure for executing output processing of said output data utilizing information selected by said selection procedure.